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5. The basic raw material of solidol is crude oil, from which gasoline and kerosene have been extracted. Approximately 20 tons of this oil is delivered daily in tank cars from Ploesti to the Bucharest Eastern Railroad Station (Gara de Est). From there it is taken in special trucks to the factory. A second raw material used in the manufacture of solidol is sonit (sic), a white powder chemical brought from Ploesti in paper bags. About 10 tons of sonit are sent daily, part of which is stored.
6. The factory pays the Ministry 3.5 and 8 lei respectively per kilogram of oil and sonit. Consignments of solidol, consisting of 100 kg barrels, are delivered daily to the railroad station. Payment is received through Sovrombank at a rate of 47 lei per kg. The polish is sold at 180 to 300 lei per kg to two state marketing companies, Centrocom and Alimentara, for local consumption only.
7. The price of a kilogram of solidol is calculated as follows: 1 kg of refined oil, 3.5 lei; 1 kg of sonit, 8 lei; wages, 10 lei; transport, 17 lei; miscellaneous, 7 lei; profit, 1.50 lei; total, 47 lei. Transportation constitutes the largest single item in the calculation, and the intended transfer to Ploesti would allow considerable savings.
8. The solidol and polish departments of the factory are steam-operated from a generator burning wood and solar oil. Power for the coopers shop is supplied by the municipal power station. The factory consumes 35,000 kw (at 120 volt) per month and pays 17 lei per kw.
9. There are no railroad sidings, and the factory uses three 3-ton trucks for transportation. The factory also owns two automobiles.
10. The factory's manager is responsible to the Ministry, but his responsibilities are limited to such duties as the signing of documents. The chief engineer, assisted by the chief accountant and a staff of 60, is the real head of the factory. The factory employs 300 workers, 80 to 100 of whom are women, and the average age is 34. The solidol department and coopers shop work three shifts, but the polish department works one shift only.
11. There is another larger solidol factory in Transylvania.

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1.  Comment:  for details of the composition of solidol.

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